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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of )  
Rudolph T. Beaupre )  
for "Waterboiler System with Solids Removal ) Group Art Unit: 1723  
Apparatus" )  
Serial No.: 10/698,151 ) Examiner: D A Reissnyder  
Filed On: October 31, 2003 ) ) (Docket No. 5700-0013)

Middletown, Connecticut, February 28, 2006

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action, mailed November 30, 2005. This response is timely filed but the Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 503342 for any fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this application.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-3 and 8-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,406,794 (hereafter called "Brigante"). Claims 4-6 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Brigante in view of United States Patent No. 6,021,819 ("Cannell"). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brigante in view of Cannell and further in view of Agrest.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.